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CONGRESSMAN JACKSON REMEMBERS DR. ALBERTINA WALKER

Today, Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. made the following statement following the memorial service in Chicago for legendary gospel singer Dr. Albertina Walker.

"Today, I was honored to be in attendance at the memorial service for the great Albertina Walker, our beloved Queen of Gospel.

"Born and raised on the South Side of Chicago in the midst of the Great Depression, Dr. Walker went on to a career spanning six decades, through the Civil Rights Movement, wars and conflicts, economic ups and downs. She sang for President Bill Clinton, was honored by President George W. Bush, and saw the first African American President take office. Hers was a life well lived.

"In the last few weeks, as her illness became known, Dr. Walker said in a post on her website, 'I praise God for my life, strength and good reports as I rest comfortably at this time. Keep me lifted in prayer as I know God is not through with me yet.' What an example she set. Indeed,

God is not through with any of us yet, and I know he is not through with Dr. Walker. She will be with us for many years through her music and our memories of her.

"I send my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Walker, and thank them for sharing her with us for so many years."

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